serious provincial opposition to the construction of railways by foreign capitalists. Nevertheless, President Yuan humoured his guest by appointing him head of a Central Railway Corporation, which was to consider and draft plans for a national system of railways, and granted him an allowance of Tls 30,000 (£4,000) per month. Incidentally, the *National Daily News* severely criticized him for accepting this appointment, and in political circles considerable resentment was displayed when it became known that he was to be empowered to conclude contracts in his own name. Actually, during the period he held the appointment he concluded only one contract, which was never fulfilled.

Dr. Sun while in Peking called on the Foreign Ministers and the former Regent, and before leaving the North, visited Kalgan, Taiyuan, Tsinan and Tsingtao.

During the latter part of the year relations between the Chinese and Russian Governments became seriously strained in connection with Outer Mongolia. The officials of this Dependency, exasperated by the progress of Chinese colonization, had sent a deputation to Russia in 1911, to ask for the protection of the Tsar. On the outbreak of the Revolution the Living Buddha at Urga proclaimed the independence of Outer Mongola, and then the Russian Government took a hand in the

game, and demanded a revision of the St. Petersburg Treaty of 1881. A special Russian Envoy was sent to Urga on October, who, on November 3 exchanged ratifications of a new Treaty between Russia and Mongolia. The Russian Government demanded